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### **Celebrate Buchnerfest and the Grand Opening of Buchner Park Pool & Community Room**

**WAUKESHA, Wis.** – The City of Waukesha invites the public to celebrate the City's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the annual Buchner Park Children's Festival, *Buchnerfest*, 10:00 a.m. to noon, and the grand opening of the new Buchner Pool and Community Room, noon to 2:00 p.m., on Sat., June 12 in Buchner Park.

"We are thrilled to be cutting the ribbon on our new Buchner Park Pool and to welcome the community back to our summer programming," said Mayor Shawn Reilly. "I am excited that this year's Buchnerfest will pay tribute to the rich history of Buchner Park."

*Buchnerfest* requires free, advanced registration at <https://waukesha-wi.gov/462/Activity-Guides>. Timeslots are available between the hours of 9:45 am and 12:15 pm, with the last timeslot offering activities in Spanish. The Buchner park pool grand opening will take place at noon with the pool party held from noon-2pm. Paid pool admission or pool membership is required for the pool party (<https://waukesha-wi.gov/507/Aquatic-Programs>). Buchner Park is located at 231 Oakland Ave., Waukesha.

In 1915, John Buchner dedicated 5-acres of land to the City of Waukesha, named Buchner Park, with the requirement that the City host a children's festival each year on the second Saturday in June. In honor of John Buchner and the City's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, at this year's Buchnerfest, registered children ages 2-12 will learn more about the park's history through activities like time-period games, take & make kits, storytelling, and more.

After Buchnerfest, everyone is encouraged to stay for the official grand opening of the Buchner Park Pool and the Buchner Pool Community room. The Buchner Pool Party will include a live DJ, best dressed swimmer of 1896 contest, dunk tank, along with other activities. The new Buchner Park Pool features include a 50-meter lap pool with diving well, wading pool, water slides, and current channel.

The City of Waukesha, WI is an award-winning community located along the shores of the Fox River, 15 miles west of Milwaukee. Waukesha is the seventh largest City in the state with a population of just over 72,000 people. Throughout the year 2021, the City is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary since incorporation. More information on the City's 125th anniversary and a complete listing of events is available on the City's website at <https://waukesha-wi.gov/1916/125th-Anniversary-Celebration>.

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